



City of Grand Rapids

Forestry Initiative Update:

City begins removals/prunings; seeks contractor bids

10/11/17: GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – Grand Rapids is advancing its \$2.4 million forestry initiative by having its crews remove and prune high risk trees. City teams are now working in Riverside Park and the City's Forestry Maintenance District 17. District 17's boundaries include Franklin ST SE (north), Eastern St SE (west) , Hall St SE (south), and the East Grand Rapids boundary (east).

The City is also accepting bids from contractors interested in working on this project. Bids are due by Wednesday, Oct. 25. The City structured the project to maximize opportunities for small, local tree services to participate in the initiative. Prospective vendors can find more information, register as a vendor and bid on the project on our Vendor Self Service site.

The City Commission approved the Forestry Initiative in mid-September. Contracted tree services and the City's forestry staff will conduct the work over a six-month timeframe. The initiative will maximize public safety and reduce the City's long-term tree maintenance costs.

In 2016, a public tree inventory identified the City's highest risk (Priority 1) street, park, and cemetery trees. The Priority 1 Initiative plan includes the pruning of 1,500 trees and removal of another 1,558 trees. The City does not have in-house equipment for large-scale stump removal. So, it also plans to use tree service contractors to remove 2,572 stumps.

Regular Priority 1 Initiative updates are available on the Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation Facebook page. You may also call 311 or 616-456-3000 for more information.

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